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(1760-1815)

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## HUGH WELLS

**H**UGH WELLS is the first of the ancestors of the Greenfield Wellses who established his home on this side of the Atlantic. The recorded facts of his life are meager and conflicting. *The National Cyclopedia of American Biography*, Volume 10, Page 320, says Hugh Wells was a son of Thomas Wells, a wealthy Englishman and a zealous Puritan and descendant of Robert de Welles, of Rayne Hall, Essex, England, whose family was of Norman origin. Hugh and his brother, Thomas, arrived in Boston in 1630 in the *Susan and Ellen*. After living a short time in Watertown, Mass., they became original proprietors of Hartford, Conn. Hugh removed to Norwuttock (Hadley), Mass., in 1659. Thomas removed to Wethersfield, Conn. He was a member of the first Court of Magistrates from 1637 to 1654, when he was chosen Deputy Governor. In 1655 and 1658-59 he was Governor of Connecticut. Thomas never parted with all his proprietary interest in Hartford, and some of his descendants still derive an income from a portion of that land. He is the ancestor of Gideon Welles, Lincoln's Secretary of the Navy.

Notwithstanding the statement of the *National Cyclopedia*, it does not appear to be absolutely certain that Hugh Wells was a Hartford proprietor or that he ever went from Connecticut to western Massachusetts. *The Memorial History of Hartford*, edited by J. Hamilton Trumbull, makes no mention of Hugh Wells as one of the original proprietors of Hartford, but it does include "Ensign" Hugh Welles and Governor Thomas Welles and Thomas Welles 2d in its list of the original proprietors of

Wethersfield, a few miles south of Hartford, who settled there between 1635 and 1645. It says that Thomas Welles, the son of Hugh Welles, went with others from Wethersfield to Norwuttock, afterward Hadley, Massachusetts, in 1659.

The original spelling of the Wells' name was with a second "e." Gideon Welles, in a letter which has been published, argues strongly for the spelling of the Welles name which his family adhered to. He says that both Thomas and Hugh spelt their surname "Welles."

All who have endeavored to trace the Welles genealogy agree in the statement that the founder of this family in England was Robert de Welles, or de Euille, one of the Norman lords who came over with the Conqueror and whose name appears on the Roll of Battle Abbey as R. de Euilles.

The armorials to which all of this family are entitled are as follows:

Arms: Or, a lion, rampant, sable.

Crest: A demi-lion, rampant, sable.

Motto: Semper Paratus.

*The History of the Welles Family in Massachusetts*, by Albert Welles, president of the American College of Heraldry and Genealogical Record, of New York, says Hugh Wells was born in Essex County, England, about 1590, whence he emigrated to America. His brother, Richard, came in ship *Globe*, in 1635, and it is probable that Hugh came with him and landed in Salem or Boston. He removed into Connecticut in 1636, and settled in Hartford, being one of its first settlers. He soon afterward removed to Wethersfield and died there about 1645. The same authority says that Governor Thomas Welles was of the elder branch of the Welles family, and came to this country, not from Essex, but from Northamptonshire, in 1635. The *Connecticut Records* notes the fact that Ensign Hugh Welles was the first of the name of Welles in Wethersfield.



Welles.



It is probable, therefore, that Hugh Wells and Governor Thomas Welles were kinsmen, but not brothers, and that Hugh's stay in Hartford was too brief for him to get his name impressed upon its records and that he died at a comparatively early age at Wethersfield and left the work of establishing new settlements in western Massachusetts to his descendants.

Little is recorded of Hugh Wells' wife, except that her Christian name was Frances, and that after Hugh Wells' death she married Thomas Coleman, at Hatfield, Mass., and died March, 1678. The children of Hugh and Frances Wells are :

THOMAS, born about 1620.

Hugh, born about 1625, was a carpenter ; settled in Hartford ; married, August 19, 1659, Mary, daughter of William Roscoe ; died December 22, 1678.

Mary, born about 1626 ; married (1650) Jonathan Gilbert Marshal, of Connecticut, innkeeper at Hartford. He died 1682, and his widow kept the inn until her death, July 3, 1700.

John, born about 1628 ; settled in Hatfield, Mass. ; married Sarah.

## THOMAS WELLS

THOMAS WELLS, eldest son of Hugh and Frances Wells, was born in England about 1620. Whether Hugh Wells removed from Wethersfield, Conn., to Hadley or not, it is certain that two of his sons and his widow lived in Hadley or on the other side of the Connecticut in Hatfield after Hugh's death. Thomas removed from Wethersfield to Hadley in 1659 as one of the "engagers" to settle that town. He died October or December, 1676. Sheldon's genealogy says: "He left a good estate in Wethersfield and Hadley and houses and lands in England." He married, May, 1651, Mary, daughter of William Beardsley, of Hartford. After the death of Thomas his widow married Samuel Belding, of Hatfield, June 25, 1678. She died September 20, 1691, aged 60. It is not recorded, nor is it likely, that this daughter of William Beardsley bore any children to Samuel Belding, whom she married at the ripe age of 47, but the fourteen children she bore to Thomas Wells are the progenitors of nearly all of the Wells name which covers sixteen pages of Sheldon's genealogies. This large family of Thomas Wells forms an interesting element in Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith's *Young Puritan* books. Thomas, the eldest of the fourteen, and Jonathan, "the boy hero of Turner's Falls," became later men of influence and mark in that part of Massachusetts. Hepzibah Wells, the wife of Thomas, scandalized the grave Puritans of the time by her youthful and innocent gayety and later by her cruel death at the hands of hostile Indians added one of many similar tragedies to the sombre drama of that period. This Puritan series, in four volumes,



though a juvenile story, is a most faithful, striking and interesting representation of the thought and speech, life and perils of the early Puritan settlers in western Massachusetts. Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith is herself a descendant of Noah Wells, one of the fourteen children of Thomas and Mary Wells, of Hadley, Mass., the full list of whom is as follows:—

Thomas, born January 10, 1652; died 1691.

Mary, born October 1, 1653; died young.

Sarah, born May 5, 1655; married David Hoyt, 1673; died 1676.

John, born January 4, 1657; died young.

Jonathan, born 1659; died January 3, 1738.

John, born April 3, 1660; drowned January 20, 1678.

Samuel, born 1662.

Mary, born September 8, 1664; married Stephen Belding, 1682, and Joseph Field in 1723; died 1751.

Noah, born July 26, 1666.

Hannah, born July 4, 1668; married, 1687, John White.

EBENEZER, born July 20, 1669.

Daniel, born 1670; died young.

Ephraim, born April, 1671.

Joshua, born February 18, 1673.

## EBENEZER WELLS

**E**BENEZER WELLS, the seventh of the ten sons of Thomas and Mary Wells, was born in Hadley, Mass., in 1669.

In 1687 grants of four-acre home lots and twenty-acre farm lots were made to Ebenezer Wells and some fifteen others on the Green River. The conditions of all the grants were that the grantees should continue three years as residents of the new settlement after they became 21 years of age, pay taxes and their proportion of the Indian purchase money. This was the beginning of Greenfield. The present main street of Greenfield was selected as a site for the houses on four-acre lots. These home lots were distributed by lot and Ebenezer Wells drew No. 1, which gave him the lot at the west end of the town, on the south side of the street on the brow of the hill above Green River. This property remained in the hands of successive descendants of Ebenezer Wells until a comparatively recent period. The settlement of Greenfield, which began auspiciously in 1688, met with an early check. The French and Indian war, generally known as "King William's War," which began in 1689 and ended in 1698, was nearly fatal to such weak and exposed points as the Green River settlement. For better protection the settlers abandoned their individual homes and lived in the shelter of the fortifications on the town street. The most accessible fields were cultivated with little regard to proprietorship or lines. Not a single settler occupied his land permanently. Ebenezer Wells apparently fulfilled the conditions of the grant, since his lands were not forfeited, as many of the others were. How long Ebenezer remained in Greenfield

is not recorded, but he returned to Hadley, where he died. Two of his sons, John and Joshua, returned to Greenfield and became permanent residents there. Ebenezer married, December 4, 1690, Mary, daughter of Sergeant Benjamin Waite, of Hatfield. Benjamin Waite was a scout and a very brave and resourceful Indian fighter, famed in the annals of that period. His wife, Martha, and his three daughters—Mary, 6 years old; Martha, 4, and Sarah, 2—were among the number of those captured by the Indians in their raid on Hatfield, September 19, 1677. The story of the awful journey of these captives to Canada and their rescue the following Winter by Benjamin Waite and Stephen Jennings is told in Judd's *History of Hadley* and Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*, and is retold with fascinating interest and exceeding charm of narrative in *The Young and Old Puritans of Hatfield*, the fourth volume of Mrs. Mary P. Wells Smith's *Young Puritan Series*. Benjamin Waite was killed February 29, 1703-4, in the French and Indian attack on Deerfield. Mary Waite, the eldest of his three daughters, whom he rescued from captivity, became the wife of Ebenezer Wells, December 4, 1690, twelve years after her captivity. It is not recorded when Mary Waite Wells died, but her youngest child was born in September, 1702. August 15, 1705, Ebenezer Wells married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Smith, and widow of John Lawrence, who had been killed by Indians at Brookfield, 1694.

The children of Ebenezer and Mary Waite Wells are:—

Ebenezer, born September 13, 1691; died June 12, 1758;  
no children.

Thomas, born September 25, 1693; died March 7, 1743;  
ten children.

Joshua, born August 31, 1695; died April 21, 1768; four-  
teen children.

Martha, born September 18, 1697 ; married Edward Allen.

JOHN, born June 9, 1700 ; married Sarah Allen ; died  
March 10, 1746 ; eight children.

Jonathan, born September 26, 1702 ; died February, 1797 ;  
eight children.

One child, a daughter, was born to Ebenezer and Sarah  
Smith Wells, viz. :—

Mary, born October 24, 1707 ; married Aaron Graves.

## JOHN WELLS

JOHN WELLS, fourth son of Ebenezer and Mary Waite Wells, was born June 9, 1700. He was a soldier in Father Rasle's French and Indian War, 1724-25. He owned land in the Green River settlement, afterward known as Greenfield, and is recorded as one of its early settlers. It is not known just when he took up his permanent residence in Greenfield, but he appears to have utilized his Green River land before it was found to be safe for white men to re-establish themselves there. I find this paragraph concerning John Wells and some of his Hatfield neighbors, who were interested in the Green River farms, recorded in Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*:—

"August 25, 1725, Deacon Samuel Field, Deacon Samuel Child, Sergeant Joseph Severance, John Wells, Joshua Wells and Thomas Bardwell went over Deerfield River to go to Green River farms, and they took a cow with them, designing to put her in a pasture. The Indians ambushed them, but Deacon Child, driving the cow, discovered them and cried out 'Indians!' John Wells discharged his gun at an Indian, who fell upon his firing. Deacon Field, being at some distance from the company, rode toward them, but the company being before separated from one another, retreated toward the hill and at a considerable distance from the hill they halted, that John Wells might load his gun, and then the Indians fired upon them and badly wounded Deacon Field." This happened near where the Greenfield railroad station is now located. It was incidents of this character that postponed the permanent settlement of

Greenfield for so many years after it was first projected. In 1727, peace being established with the French and Indians, steps were taken for the permanent settlement of Greenfield, and soon after John Wells, his brother Joshua and several other representatives of the Wells family established their homes in Greenfield. John Wells was made a colonel of militia. He married Sarah Allen, daughter of Samuel Allen, of Windsor, Conn., probably about the time he settled in Greenfield, 1727 or 1728. He died March 10, 1746.

The children of John and Sarah Allen Wells are:—

SAMUEL, born October 28, 1729; married Margaret McCrellis; died May 25, 1801; four children.

Sarah, born March 16, 1731; married Colonel Isaac Wyman.

John, born February 16, 1734; seven children.

Daniel, born August 17, 1735; killed in the "bloody morning scout."

Susanna, born September 2, 1737; died May 12, 1740.

Elijah, born July 20, 1740.

Susanna, born January 3, 1742; married Aaron Phelps, January 3, 1761.

Thomas, born October 31, 1745; eleven children.



## LIEUT. SAMUEL WELLS

SAMUEL WELLS, eldest son of John and Sarah Allen Wells, was born October 28, 1729. He served in the old French War of 1744-49. He married November 11, 1751, Margaret, daughter of John McCrellis, of Colrain, Mass. He early established his home in Greenfield, and in 1752, the year before the town was incorporated, he built the "Wells house," which stood for many years at the west end of Main Street, on the south side, near the top of the hill. It was a good-sized, comfortable-looking frame house of the old style, and was the home of four or five successive generations of Wellses, and was removed only recently to give place to a modern dwelling. This house as it appeared just before its removal and the great elm tree planted by the second Samuel Wells about 120 years ago and which is still standing, are shown in the frontispiece. Samuel Wells was an ardent patriot during the Revolutionary period. At a full town meeting held September 13, 1774, with six others, he was elected delegate from Greenfield to the Provincial or County Congress. On March 29, 1775, he was made a member of the town's Committee of Correspondence. He was commissioned lieutenant in the Army of the Revolution, May 3, 1776, in Captain Ebenezer Arms' Company 5, Hampshire, Sixth Massachusetts Regiment, and was in active service in 1776 and 1777. In 1780, being then 51 years of age, his resignation was accepted, owing to infirmities which made him "no longer able to serve the public cause usefully."

The custom of that period of giving the same Christian name to those of a common family name has its embarrassments.

Lieutenant Samuel Wells has sometimes been confounded with his cousin, Samuel, son of Jonathan Wells, who was nearly of the same age, and who removed to Brattleboro, Vt., in 1762. The latter was prominent in his town and was such an active Tory during the Revolutionary War that he received a grant of lands in Canada for his services to the British Crown. Most of the descendants of Hugh Wells in the Connecticut Valley were ardent supporters of the patriot cause in the American Revolution. Lieutenant Samuel Wells' first cousin, Agrippa Wells, commanded a company during the entire period of the war and won fame by his dashing spirit and bold exploits. Colonel David Wells, another cousin, from the neighboring town of Shelburne, had an honorable and distinguished career as commander of a regiment during the Revolution. Nearly every company sent to the patriot army from western Massachusetts during the Revolutionary War contained several of the descendants of Hugh Wells.

Samuel Wells was very prominent in Greenfield town affairs. He served as selectman and assessor and was town clerk for seven years, and for five of these years he was also town treasurer. He was known in later life as Colonel Samuel Wells, rather than by his Revolutionary title of lieutenant. His cousin, the Tory, was also Colonel Samuel Wells. The youngest son of Lieutenant Samuel Wells, named after his father, was also a colonel, having been commissioned as lieutenant colonel in the militia in 1807. In the index to Thompson's *History of Greenfield*, these two Colonel Samuel Wells, father and son, are hopelessly confounded, but in the text it is not difficult to distinguish them by noting the dates, as Colonel Samuel Wells, the father, died six years before Colonel Samuel Wells, the son, received his commission and title. The death of the elder Samuel Wells occurred in his 72d year, on May 25, 1801. His widow died August 29, 1802, aged 72. The children of Samuel and Margaret McCrellis Wells are:—

John, born October 8, 1754; married Mary Wells, October 11, 1778. They had two sons and two daughters; married Elizabeth May, July 14, 1798, and had one son and three daughters; settled in Rowe, Mass., and died May 21, 1813.

DANIEL, born October 2, 1760; married Rhoda Newton October 26, 1781; issue, three sons and three daughters; lived in Greenfield; died July 26, 1815.

Margaret, born October 4, 1766; married Ruel Willard.

Samuel, born December 3, 1769; married Electa Bascom, September 8, 1792; issue, ten sons and three daughters; was a leading citizen of Greenfield for many years, and died January 29, 1836.

## COLONEL DANIEL WELLS

DANIEL WELLS, second son of Samuel and Margaret McCrellis Wells, was born October 2, 1760, in Greenfield, Mass. He was only fourteen and a half years old when the Revolutionary War broke out, but he enlisted in the patriot army as a private in the company of his kinsman, Captain Agrippa Wells, Colonel Samuel Williams' regiment, in response to the Lexington alarm of April 19, 1775. He continued to serve until after the battle of Bennington, August, 1777. After the war he served for many years in the State militia, and was commissioned in turn ensign, captain, and in 1800 lieutenant colonel commandant. He appears to have removed to Guilford, Vt., in 1788, but he soon returned to Greenfield. From the beginning of 1793 to the end of 1809, he was town clerk and treasurer of Greenfield. In 1796 his name appears in the recorded town meeting vote "That the town of Greenfield have no objection to the prayer of the petition of Daniel Wells and others praying to be incorporated for the purpose of bringing water into Greenfield Street being granted." This was Greenfield's first water company, and supplied the village with water until 1869. In 1798, the United States levied a direct tax, and the assessment on Greenfield for that purpose gives the names of all owners or occupants of real estate in the town and the value of their property. Daniel Wells is assessed as the owner of a lot of 80 rods, valued, with its building, at \$1200, and other real estate worth \$5307. This is modest enough, but it is the heaviest assessment on the list with the exception of that of his brother-in-law, Ruel Willard, whose

assessments foot up \$8897. The name of Colonel Daniel Wells appears in a list of the prominent men of the village of Greenfield in 1801, and his occupation is given as a farmer. This list is still on file in the Recorder of Deeds' office in Greenfield. His residence was on the main street of the village, on the opposite side of the street from the older Wells' house and further east. It was subsequently the home of his son, Judge Daniel Wells, and is still in a state apparently of good preservation, on the northwest corner of Main and Wells Streets. He married, October 26, 1781, Rhoda Newton, daughter of John Newton, of Greenfield. The latter was the son of Abner Newton, of Durham, Conn., and the brother of Rev. Roger Newton, who for fifty-six years, beginning in 1761, was the minister at Greenfield. Their grandfather and Abner's father, Rev. Roger Newton, was ordained the first minister in Farmington, Conn., in 1645, and in 1666 was ordained the second minister in Milford, Conn. His wife—the great-grandmother of Rhoda Newton Wells—was Mary Hooker, the daughter of Rev. Thomas Hooker, the first minister of Hartford, Conn. She married Roger Newton about 1644, and bore him eight children, of whom Abner was the youngest. Daniel Wells died in Greenfield, July 26, 1815, in the 55th year of his age. His widow, Rhoda Wells, survived until July 20, 1833, and died in Byron, N. Y., in the 73d year of her age.

The children of Daniel and Rhoda Newton Wells are:—

Sarah, born July 1, 1783, in Greenfield. She was of feeble constitution and never married. She lived in Greenfield most of her life, but from 1829 to 1835 she lived with her brother in Byron, N. Y., and the last three years of her life were spent with her sister, Rhoda Adeline, in Ohio. She died March 4, 1843.

Sabra, born February 3, 1785, in Greenfield; married

- Elijah Alvord, November 12, 1805. Issue, two sons, three daughters. Died March 21, 1867.
- Calvin, born April 22, 1787, in Greenfield. Married Betsy Taggart, October 25, 1809. Issue, three sons and one daughter. Died December 13, 1861.
- Daniel, born June 14, 1791, in Greenfield. Married October 7, 1823, to Mary Duncan. Issue, three sons and three daughters. Died June 23, 1854.
- Franklin, born June 10, 1793, in Greenfield. Married Mary Sibly, September 12, 1824. Issue, three sons and three daughters. Died September 28, 1842.
- Rhoda Adeline, born in Greenfield, Mass., March 14, 1798. Married Justus Preston in 1818. Issue, two sons and four daughters. Died March 23, 1858.



## SABRA WELLS ALVORD

SABRA WELLS, second daughter of Daniel and Rhoda Newton Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., February 3, 1785. She was married November 12, 1805, to Elijah Alvord. The latter was born November 18, 1777, in Wilmington, Vt. He removed to Greenfield, Mass., studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1802. He was influential in getting Hampshire County divided, and in having the county seat of Franklin located at Greenfield. He was a member of the Massachusetts Legislature in 1812, and upon the organization of Franklin County was made register of probate, and in 1820 became also clerk of the judicial courts. These offices he held until his death, September 8, 1840. Sabra Wells Alvord died March 21, 1867, at Greenfield.

The children of Elijah and Sabra Wells Alvord are:—

Sarah Wells, born in Greenfield, August 23, 1806; died March 6, 1836.

James Church, born in Greenfield, April 14, 1808; died September 27, 1839.

Martha, born in Greenfield in 1815, and died the same year.

Mary Upham, born in Greenfield, August 10, 1810, and died June 27, 1884.

Daniel Wells, born in Greenfield, October 21, 1816; died August 3, 1877.

SARAH WELLS ALVORD, oldest daughter of Elijah and Sabra Wells Alvord, was born at Greenfield, August 23, 1806. She married Joseph Warren Newcomb, great-grandson of General Joseph Warren, of Bunker Hill fame. She died at Worcester, Mass., March 6, 1836.

The children of Joseph Warren and Sarah Alvord Newcomb are:—

Joseph Warren, Jr., born at Salsbury, Mass., May 17, 1833.

Sarah Alvord, born at Worcester, Mass., July 19, 1835; married Dr. Buckminster Brown, of Boston, Mass., May, 1864; died at Boston, April, 1895.

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JOSEPH WARREN NEWCOMB, JR., son of Joseph Warren and Sarah Alvord Newcomb, was born at Salsbury, Mass., May 17, 1833; married October 20, 1858, Mary, daughter of Dr. George Sumner, of Hartford, Conn., and great-granddaughter of General Israel Putnam. She died at Burlington, N. J., October, 1866.

The only child of Joseph Warren and Mary Sumner Newcomb is:—

Warren Putnam Newcomb, born in Hartford, Conn., July 20, 1859; married Caroline Richards, of Cambridge, Mass. Is captain of Fourteenth Battery Field Artillery, U. S. A. Served in the Spanish War, and has two daughters, Marion and Frances.

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JAMES CHURCH ALVORD, oldest son of Elijah and Sabra Wells Alvord, was born in Greenfield, Mass., April 14, 1808. He was graduated from Dartmouth College in 1827. He mar-

ried Anna Grew, October 20, 1836. He was a lawyer, a member of the State Legislature and one of the commissioners to codify the laws of the Commonwealth. He was elected to Congress in 1838 while he was a member of the Massachusetts Senate. He was the first man ever elected to Congress on a distinctly anti-slavery platform, but before he took his seat he died, September 27, 1839. Judge Thompson, in his history of Greenfield, says: "James C. Alvord has always been accounted one of the most brilliant men ever raised in Franklin County." His brother lawyer, Whiting Griswold, said of him: "As a lawyer and advocate at the time of his death, though but 31 years of age, he had few equals and no superiors at this or any other bar." Wendell Phillips, while in London, England, hearing of the death of James Church Alvord, wrote this appreciative tribute: "His services in the cause of anti-slavery in the Massachusetts Legislature cannot be too highly estimated. Entering that body with more influence, perhaps, than was ever accorded to one of his age before, with talents of the highest order, with a mind stored with all the learning of his profession and matured by a wide practice, as well as early cultivation, he was ever ready to throw his whole weight into the scale of humanity. The right of trial by jury to persons claimed as slaves was gained almost without opposition, not only because his arguments were unanswerable, but because it was he who urged them. Few lawyers cared to measure a lance with one whose choice of a position was proof that it was impregnable, and politicians cared as little to oppose one well known to monopolize the affection and trust of the western counties. His report exhausts the subject, and whenever, in any State, that right is to be battled for again, the weapons and the shield are provided for the champion."

DANIEL WELLS ALVORD, youngest son of Elijah and Sabra Wells Alvord, was born in Greenfield, Mass., October 21, 1816. He was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1838. He was a leading lawyer of Greenfield, and from 1856 to 1862 was District Attorney of the Northwestern District, was a member of the Massachusetts Constitutional Convention, 1853; State Senator, 1854; District Attorney, 1856-62; Collector of Internal Revenue, 1863-69. After the close of the Civil War he removed to Lewinsville, Fairfax County, Va., where he died, August 3, 1871. He was twice married (1) May 10, 1843, at Greenfield, Mass., to Caroline Matilda Clapp, daughter of Henry Wells and Eliza Baldwin Clapp. She died September 17, 1846, aged 23 years; (2) June 7, 1859, at Northampton, Mass., to Caroline Betts Dewey, daughter of Judge Charles A. Dewey, and grand-daughter of General James Clinton. She died at Hamilton, Mass., April 15, 1899.

The children of Daniel Wells and Caroline Clapp Alvord are:—

Henry Elijah Alvord, born in Greenfield, Mass., March 11, 1844; died October 1, 1904.

Wells Alvord, born and died in October, 1845, in Greenfield, Mass.

Caroline Matilda Clapp Alvord, born in Greenfield, September 17, 1846.

The children of Daniel Wells and Caroline Dewey Alvord are:—

Charles Dewey Alvord, born in Greenfield, March 26, 1860; died at Atlanta, Ga., November 27, 1888.

James Church Alvord, born at Greenfield, January 24, 1862.

Mary Alvord, born in Greenfield, October 9, 1863; died at Spring Hill, Va., March, 1871.

Clinton Alvord, born in Greenfield, Mass., November 9, 1865.

Clarence Walworth Alvord, born in Greenfield, 1867- May 21)

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HENRY ELIJAH ALVORD, oldest son of Daniel Wells and Caroline Clapp Alvord, was born in Greenfield, Mass., March 11, 1844. He married, September 6, 1866, Martha Swink, daughter of William and Margaret Lindsay Swink, of Spring Hill, Va. He served in the Seventh Rhode Island Cavalry and in the Second Massachusetts Cavalry through the Civil War, rising from private to major; was afterward commissioned captain in Tenth Regiment, U. S. Cavalry. For a number of years Major Alvord was connected with the work of Agricultural colleges. He was for a time president of the Association of American Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations. In 1895 he organized and became the chief of the dairy division of the United States Department of Agriculture, in which post he served until his death on October 1, 1904.

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CAROLINE MATILDA CLAPP ALVORD, daughter of Daniel Wells and Caroline Clapp Alvord, was born in Greenfield, Mass., September 17, 1846. She was one of the early missionary teachers to the Freedmen representing Greenfield in 1866, in the first Freedman school established in Fairfax County, Va. She was married September 13, 1867, to Franklin Sherman, of Ash Grove, Va. The latter served in the Union army during the Civil War, being lieutenant, captain and adjutant in the Tenth Michigan Cavalry.

The children of Franklin and Caroline Alvord Sherman are:—

Wells Alvord Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., July 19, 1868.

Mary Alvord Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., April 15, 1871; died June 14, 1871.

Ruth Brewster Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., April 14, 1872. Graduate nurse Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore.

Henry Clapp Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., October 16, 1875. Married Cora Aldrich Bowen, daughter of Dr. William H. and Phoebe Aldrich Bowen, of Providence, R. I., September 9, 1903. Instructor in chemistry, Columbia University, New York city.

Franklin Sherman, Jr., born in Ash Grove, Va., November 2, 1877. Married Grace Berry, daughter of J. Owens and Mary Gunnell Berry, of Woodside, Va., May 12, 1903. State entomologist of North Carolina.

Miriam Fairchild Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., January 8, 1880.

Caroline Baldwin Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., October 6, 1881. Librarian of Agricultural and Mechanical College, Raleigh, N. C.

Dorothea Foote Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., September 9, 1883.

Martha Alvord Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., July 31, 1886.

John Harvey Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., December 20, 1887.

James Morgan Sherman, born in Ash Grove, Va., May 6, 1890.



WELLS ALVORD SHERMAN, oldest son of Franklin and Caroline Alvord Sherman, was born in Ash Grove, Va., July 19, 1868. He married Elsie May Besley, daughter of Bartholomew and Sarah Wilson Besley, May 23, 1895. He is agricultural examiner for United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C.

The children of Wells Alvord and Elsie Besley Sherman are:—

Caroline Elizabeth Sherman, born in Eshcol, Fairfax County, Va., May 22, 1896.

Mary Collins Sherman, born in Eshcol, Fairfax County, Va., April 24, 1898.

Elsie Besley Sherman, born in Eshcol, Fairfax County, Va., February 26, 1900.

Martha Thacher Sherman, born in Eshcol, Fairfax County, Va., February 11, 1902.

Wells Alvord Sherman, Jr., born in Eshcol, Fairfax County, Va., June 16, 1903.

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JAMES CHURCH ALVORD, son of Daniel Wells and Caroline Dewey Alvord, was born in Greenfield, Mass., January 24, 1862. He married Lucy Fairbanks, daughter of Henry and Annie Hayes Fairbanks, of St. Johnsbury, Vt., June 8, 1898. He is a minister of the Congregational Church.

The only child born to James Church and Lucy Fairbanks Alvord is Henry Fairbanks Alvord, born and died April, 1899, at Woonsocket, R. I.

CLINTON ALVORD, son of Daniel Wells and Caroline Dewey Alvord, born at Greenfield, Mass., November 9, 1865. He married Mary Sanford Newton, daughter of Simeon and Clarissa Sanford Newton, of Worcester, Mass., April 20, 1893. He is a manufacturer of Worcester.

The children of Clinton and Mary Newton Alvord are:—

Charles Clinton, born in Worcester, Mass., December 19, 1896.

Newton, born in Worcester, Mass., August 18, 1902; died August 24, 1903.

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CLARENCE WALWORTH ALVORD, youngest son of Daniel Wells and Caroline Dewey Alvord, born at Greenfield, Mass., May 21, 1868. He married Mrs. Jane Parrott Blanchard, September, 1893. He is professor of history in the University of Illinois. The only child of Clarence Walworth and Jane Parrott Alvord is:—

Genevieve Raymond, born in June, 1894.



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CALVIN WELLS, SR.





## CALVIN WELLS, SENIOR

CALVIN WELLS, eldest son of Daniel and Rhoda Newton Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., April 22, 1787.

He received what education the schools of Greenfield at that time afforded. His name is recorded in a list which has been preserved, of the older scholars attending school in Greenfield in the Winter of 1801-2, under the instruction of Procter Pierce. On October 25, 1808, he married Betsy Taggart, who was the sixth of the seventeen children of Rev. Samuel Taggart, of Colrain, Mass.

Parson Taggart, as he was generally called, was of Scotch-Irish stock, born in Londonderry, N. H., March 24, 1754. He graduated from Dartmouth College in 1774. He was ordained a minister of the Presbyterian Church and became pastor of the church in Colrain in 1777, and filled that position until 1818. In 1802 he was about to remove from Massachusetts and settle in New York State, when his plans were changed by his nomination and election to Congress. He served that section of Massachusetts in Congress continuously and acceptably for fourteen years. He was a man of strong character and rather eccentric disposition. He was a Federalist in politics. His published sermons portray him as a man of keen logical mind and a theologian of profound reflection, wide reading and strong convictions. He published a number of religious and political pamphlets, and at least one volume which still survives entitled *A View of the Evidences of Christianity and of the Inspiration of the Scriptures*, printed in 1811. His first wife, Elizabeth Duncan, was a typical Scotch woman of many

rare qualities. She bore him fourteen children. His second wife was Mary Ayers, of Dover, Del., whom he married in 1816, while still a member of Congress. She bore him three children. Mr. Taggart died April 25, 1825.

Calvin Wells removed with his family from Greenfield to Genessee County, New York, near the beginning of 1815. His letters and papers up to 1820 are dated from Bergen, in that county, but after that and for many years Byron was his home. His early life in western New York was that of a pioneer in a timbered country—logging, cutting and clearing. He was by occupation a farmer and was interested in a custom grist and sawmill on Black Creek. He became a prominent man in that section, was elected Justice of the Peace and transacted all the law business for his neighborhood for many years. He was a man of untiring industry, of a deeply religious nature and punctilious in the discharge of all his duties as a citizen, a neighbor and church member. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church and in later life and until his death was an elder of the Presbyterian Church. His affection for his family was undemonstrative, but strong and constant. His wife, Betsy, was a true help-mate and companion. She was in many respects a remarkable woman, inheriting from her father a wonderful memory, strong mental powers and that religious bias so strong in those who were raised under the influence of New England clericalism of a couple of generations ago. Her residence was known as the ministers' home for all the country around. She was foremost in good works, and exercised a helpful and healthful influence upon her children that has found expression in their lives. She died in Byron, April 2, 1842, and her death cast a profound and lasting shadow over her husband's life. His mill interests had led him into litigation about that time, and he was the victim of misunderstanding and pecuniary loss. The influence of all these



things is reflected in this despondent entry in his diary April 2, 1844: "Two years ago to-day my wife died. This world seems like a blank, a trifle not worth living for. My energies of both body and mind are somewhat enfeebled by age. My property has fled; my reputation and character slandered; my influence proportionately diminished. Ere another year passes, should I be laid beside my beloved wife, I should not in the least regret it, but I will wait with patience till God shall call." He was at the time of making this entry not quite 57 years old, yet he lived nearly eighteen years thereafter, an active, useful life, though his vitality was greatly impaired by a severe blow in the region of the stomach, caused by the rebound of an ox bow that he was bending, which slipped from his grasp and struck him with great force, from the effects of which he never fully recovered. In the later years of his life he was a member of his son, Newton's, family, and removed with him to Pembroke, N. Y., in 1849, which was his home until his death, on December 13, 1861.

The children of Calvin and Betsy Wells are:—

Samuel Taggart, born in Greenfield, Mass., August 6, 1809; died May 29, 1896.

Daniel Newton, born March 14, 1811, in Greenfield, Mass.; died March 23, 1886.

Elizabeth Duncan, born April 20, 1816, in Byron, N. Y.; died October 23, 1876.

Calvin, born December 26, 1827, in Byron, N. Y.

## SAMUEL TAGGART WELLS

SAMUEL TAGGART WELLS, eldest son of Calvin and Betsy Taggart Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., August 6, 1809. When 6 years old his family removed to Byron, N. Y., where his boyhood and youth were passed. He was graduated from Union College, Schenectady, N. Y., in 1839, and from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1842. He was licensed to preach by the Second Presbytery of New York April 27, 1842. He first served for a year or more as synodical missionary in northern Missouri and southern Iowa, and organized many Presbyterian Churches in that then thinly settled and rather wild region. From 1843 to 1855 he was agent of the American Tract Society at Pittsburg, Pa., and resided in or near that city. In October, 1855, he went to Dubuque, Ia., where for two years he was synodical evangelist under the Presbyterian Board of Domestic Missions. In 1857 he removed to Epworth, Ia., where he organized and for three years was pastor of the Presbyterian Church in that place. He also organized and supplied for the same period the Presbyterian Church in Centralia. In the Fall of 1860 he went to California and became agent for the Presbyterian Board of Publication. He lived in Brooklyn, now East Oakland, for the following eighteen years. In the interval he supplied the Presbyterian churches in San Lorenzo and Haywards, and was stated supply of Olivet Church, San Francisco. He took an active and leading part in organizing and establishing Mountain View Cemetery, Oakland, Cal. In 1878 he removed to Ventura County, Cal., and for three years was the stated supply

of the Presbyterian Church in Ventura. In 1881 he was honorably retired from active service in the ministry. For several years he lived on his farm at Saticoy, Cal., but in 1887 he made his home in the town of Ventura, where he died May 29, 1896, aged 86 years and nearly 10 months. He was twice married: (1) May 25, 1842, to Catherine McPherson, daughter of John and Catherine Shanklin McPherson, of Schenectady, N. Y. She was born January 31, 1808, and died in Pittsburg, Pa., April 12, 1853, aged 45 years, (2) August 5, 1857, to Eliza Swan, of Burlington, Ia. She was born in Chillicothe, O., March 6, 1821, and died in Ventura, Cal., February 11, 1899, aged 77 years and 11 months, leaving no children. The children of Samuel Taggart and Catherine McPherson Wells are:—

Rosannah McPherson, born in Schenectady, N. Y., March 20, 1843.

Moses Taggart, born in Pittsburg, Pa., April 19, 1845; died February 6, 1904.

Elizabeth Jane, born in Allegheny City, Pa., October 25, 1847.

Samuel Calvin, born in Pittsburg, Pa., November 20, 1849.

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ROSANNAH MCPHERSON WELLS, eldest daughter of Samuel Taggart and Catherine McPherson Wells, was born in Schenectady, N. Y., March 20, 1843. Her early years were spent in Pennsylvania and Iowa, but she has lived for the greater portion of her life in California. She was married to James Graham Cooper, M. D., on January 9, 1866. Dr. Cooper was graduated from the College of Physicians and Surgeons in New York city in 1851. He was physician to the first Government survey for a Pacific railroad in 1853. He did much scientific work for the Government and later for several years served as a United States army surgeon. After his mar-

riage he devoted himself to the practice of his profession, varied by scientific work with the California Academy of Science. He is the author of several authoritative works on scientific subjects. His range was wide, but first ornithology and later paleontology engaged his special attention. He died at his home in Haywards, Cal., July 19, 1902.

The children of James Graham and Rosannah Wells Cooper are:—

William Wells, born in Santa Cruz, Cal., October 15, 1866.

Frances Swan, born in San Francisco, Cal., May 1, 1869.

James Samuel, born in Haywards, Cal., March 8, 1879.

MOSES TAGGART WELLS, eldest son of Samuel Taggart and Catherine McPherson Wells, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., April 19, 1845. Received a common school education. As a young man was in the employ of the Central Pacific Railroad Company in San Francisco. Later worked in the silver mines of Nevada and Colorado. In 1884 he went to Southern California and engaged in farming. He married Ruth Ann Nichols, of Oakland, Cal., on May 2, 1889. She died in Saticoy, Ventura County, Cal., December 10, 1899. Moses Wells died in Saticoy, Cal., on February 6, 1904.

The children of Moses Taggart and Ruth Nichols Wells are:—

Florence Ruth, born in Ventura County, Cal., April 14, 1890.

① Agnes Booth, born in Ventura County, Cal., July 16, 1891.

② Lulu Grace, born in Ventura County, Cal., November 2, 1894.

Samuel Calvin, born in Ventura County, Cal., November 7, 1898.

Rutherford Alfred, born in Ventura County, Cal., November 27, 1899.

①. married 1915 Ralph Ensign Merritt  
died 1918

② married 1920 Ralph Ensign Merritt  
children - Feb 28, 1922 Barbara Ruth  
May 12, 1924 James Albert  
Sept 10, 1925 Florence Wells

ELIZABETH JANE WELLS, youngest daughter of Samuel Taggart and Catherine McPherson Wells, was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., October 25, 1847. Removed early with her family to Iowa and then after five years to California, where the greater portion of her life was passed. She was married February 10, 1869, to James Robert Farish, of San Francisco.

The children of James Robert and Elizabeth Wells Farish are:—

Katherine Virginia, born in San Francisco, June 18, 1870; died March 26, 1901.

Rosalie Lindsley, born in Sherwood, Ore., September 20, 1873.

KATHERINE VIRGINIA FARISH, eldest daughter of James Robert and Elizabeth Wells Farish, was born in San Francisco, Cal., June 18, 1870. She was married to Evan Griffins, May 25, 1891. She died March 26, 1901.

The children of Evan and Katherine Farish Griffins are:—

Virginia Chispa, born in Ventura County, Cal., April 11, 1892.

Ethel Marion, born in Ventura County, Cal., June 10, 1894.

Benjamin Owen, born in Ventura County, Cal., October 23, 1896.

Morris Evan, born in Ventura County, Cal., July 28, 1899.

ROSALIE LINDSLEY FARISH, youngest daughter of James Robert and Elizabeth Wells Farish, was born in Sherwood, Ore., September 20, 1873. She was married on July 1, 1897, to Edward Thomas Morris, of San Francisco.

The children of Edward Thomas and Rosalie Farish Morris are:—

Edward William, born in East Oakland, Cal., September 13, 1898.

Malcolm Wells, born in East Oakland, Cal., December 17, 1903.



SAMUEL CALVIN WELLS, youngest son of Samuel Taggart and Catherine McPherson Wells, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., November 20, 1849. Spent boyhood in Pennsylvania, Iowa and California. Returned to Pittsburg, Pa., in 1868, where he fitted for college. Entered Princeton the year following and was graduated in 1873. Studied law and was admitted to the Allegheny County (Pa.) bar in 1876. Joined the editorial staff of *The Philadelphia Press* in 1879, and has been an editorial writer on that paper since that time. Was editor-in-chief of the paper for two years, 1890-1892, and again was chief editor from 1898 to 1902. He married Virginia Collins Haines, of Philadelphia, October 5, 1887.

The children of Samuel Calvin and Virginia Haines Wells are:—

George Calvin, born in Philadelphia, Pa., July 11, 1888.

Margaret Heulings, born in Philadelphia, Pa., February 5, 1891.

Warren McPherson, born in Philadelphia, November 1, 1893.



## DANIEL NEWTON WELLS, SENIOR

DANIEL NEWTON WELLS, second son of Calvin and Betsy Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., March 14, 1811.

The family removed in 1815 to western New York, where his youth and early manhood were passed. He was by occupation a farmer and lived first in Byron and then Pembroke, N. Y. He removed to Buffalo Grove, Buchanan County, Ia., in 1862, and in 1870 to Loudoun County, Virginia. On January 29, 1834, at Byron, N. Y., he married Elizabeth Rachel Taggart, who was born in Preble, N. Y., April 14, 1815. He lived to celebrate his golden wedding, January 29, 1884, and died in Loudoun County, Va., March 28, 1886, aged 75 years.

The children of Daniel Newton and Elizabeth Taggart Wells are:—

Frances Eliza, born in Byron, N. Y., April 23, 1836; died October 2, 1844.

Franklin Herbert, born in Byron, N. Y., December 4, 1838; died May 22, 1880.

Daniel Newton, Jr., born in Byron, N. Y., May 5, 1841; died August 25, 1874.

Charlotte Elizabeth, born in Byron, N. Y., June 22, 1846.

Gilbert Crawford, born in Byron, N. Y., October 12, 1848.

Charles Alfred, born in Pembroke, N. Y., October 25, 1852; died October 1, 1855.

Frances Esther, born in Pembroke, N. Y., December 6, 1855; died March 14, 1859.

FRANKLIN HERBERT WELLS, eldest son of Daniel Newton and Elizabeth Taggart Wells, was born in Byron, N. Y., December 4, 1838. On December 13, 1859, he married Sarah Abigail Sisson, of Pembroke, N. Y., who was born in the same place September 19, 1840. He enlisted in the Union army July 7, 1863, and served as corporal in Company E, Fifteenth Regiment, New York Volunteer Cavalry. He took part in a large number of engagements; served under General Custer during part of his term of service and was in Sheridan's army at the famous battle of Winchester. He was honorably discharged August 22, 1865. He resided successively in the States of New York, Michigan, Iowa, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia. He died in Martinsburg, W. Va., May 22, 1880.

The children of Franklin Herbert and Sarah Sisson Wells are:—

Alfred Church, born in Sugar Island, Mich., September 10, 1861; died September 2, 1866.

George Randall, born at Eagle Harbor, N. Y., August 22, 1866; died November 3, 1902.

Herbert Alonzo, born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., September 21, 1869; died August 27, 1870.

Jennie Elsie, born in Sterling, Va., February 16, 1871.

GEORGE RANDALL WELLS, second son of Franklin Herbert and Sarah Sisson Wells, was born at Eagle Harbor, N. Y., August 22, 1866. On March 17, 1886, he married Ella E. Hunt, of Corfu, N. Y., who died April 29, 1887. An infant son of this marriage died April 30, 1887. On April 24, 1889, he married Margaret Eleanor Schadler, in Buffalo, N. Y. He died in Buffalo November 3, 1902, and his wife, Margaret, died on November 17, following.

The children of George Randall and Margaret Schadler Wells are:—

Mabel Elsie, born in Buffalo, N. Y., January 27, 1890.

Franklin Herbert, born in Buffalo, N. Y., November 2, 1891.

George Raymond, born in Buffalo, N. Y., May 25, 1895.

Daniel Newton, born in Buffalo, N. Y., February 14, 1900.

Margaret Eleanor, born in Buffalo, N. Y., October 21, 1901; died August 12, 1902.

JENNIE ELSIE WELLS, only daughter of Franklin Herbert and Sarah Sisson Wells, was born at Sterling, Loudoun County, Va., February 16, 1871. She married Grant A. Bannister, April 26, 1888, in Batavia, N. Y. The latter was born September 12, 1868, in Byron, N. Y. They reside in Herndon, Fairfax County, Va. The children of Grant and Jennie Elsie Wells Bannister are:—

Franklin Wells, born in Washington, D. C., February 10, 1891.

Mary Elizabeth, born in Washington, D. C., February 16, 1893.

John Grant, born in Herndon, Va., August 3, 1897.

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DANIEL NEWTON WELLS, JR., second son of Daniel Newton and Elizabeth Taggart Wells, was born in Byron, N. Y., May 5, 1841. He was married in Pembroke, N. Y., April 16, 1862, to Emma Christiana Sisson, of Pembroke, who was born May 15, 1842. He was by occupation a farmer and lived after leaving New York in 1862, in Buffalo Grove, Ia. In 1870 removed to Loudoun County, Va., where he died August 25,

1874, aged 33 years. Emma Sisson Wells died in Batavia, N. Y., January 24, 1885.

The children of Daniel Newton and Emma Sisson Wells are:—

Frank Newton, born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., March 30, 1864.

George Nelson, born in Buffalo Grove, August 22, 1866.

Libbie Jane, born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., September 3, 1868; died July 8, 1896.

FRANK NEWTON WELLS, eldest son of Daniel Newton, and Emma Sisson Wells, was born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., March 30, 1864. On November 17, 1891, married Jane Hipple Garrett, who was born in Washington, D. C., January 7, 1867, and died September 13, 1897. On March 28, 1901, he married Elinor Eckerson.

The children of Frank Newton and Jane Garrett Wells are:—

Walton Garrett, born September 18, 1892.

Mildred Jennie, born August 19, 1896.

GEORGE NELSON WELLS, second son of Daniel Newton and Emma Sisson Wells, was born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., August 22, 1866. Married October 19, 1892, Lillie Bessie Craven, who was born in Sterling, Va., September 27, 1873.

The children of George Nelson and Lillie Craven Wells are:—

Henry Craven, born July 29, 1893.

Emma Adelaide, born August 27, 1895.

LIBBIE JANE WELLS, only daughter of Daniel Newton and Emma Sisson Wells, was born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., September 3, 1868. Was married to John Williams, in Denver, Col., Feb-

ruary 12, 1890, and died in Goochland County, Va., July 8, 1896.

The children of John Williams and Libbie Wells Williams are:—

Frank Seymour, born in Denver, Col., August 11, 1891.

Frederic, born in Goochland County, Va., February 10, 1896.

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GILBERT CRAWFORD WELLS, third son of Daniel Newton and Elizabeth Taggart Wells, was born in Byron, N. Y., October 12, 1848. On April 4, 1870, in Buffalo Grove, Ia., he married Laura Ellen Jewett, who was born in Mayville, N. Y., April 4, 1849. After farming in Iowa for about ten years he obtained a position in the Pension Office in Washington, D. C., and improved the leisure he found to study law. Went to Pueblo, Col., about 1890, and soon secured a good practice at the bar of that county.

The children of Gilbert Crawford and Laura Jewett Wells are:—

Carrie Esther, born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., January 29, 1871.

Delia Elizabeth, born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., May 6, 1872.

Calvin Jewett, born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., July 10, 1875.

David Ernest, born in Sterling, Va., January 28, 1877.

Daniel Nelson, born in Sterling, Va., January 14, 1880.

CARRIE ESTHER WELLS, eldest daughter of Gilbert Crawford and Laura Jewett Wells, was born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., January 29, 1871. On June 23, 1899, in Pueblo, Col., she married John Richmond Humphrey, who was born in Oil City, Pa., December 23, 1872.

The children of John Richmond and Carrie Esther Wells Humphrey are :—

Clara Wells, born in Pueblo, Col., February 11, 1901.

Delia Fairmount, born in Pueblo, Col., March 25, 1903.

DELIA ELIZABETH WELLS, second daughter of Gilbert Crawford and Laura Jewett Wells, was born in Buffalo Grove, Ia., May 6, 1872. Was married February 22, 1899, in Pueblo, Col., to Edward Clark Hurford, who was born in Council Bluffs, Ia., November 30, 1868.

The children of Edward Clark and Delia Elizabeth Wells Hurford are :—

Laura Elizabeth, born in Pueblo, Col., November 15, 1899.

Elizabeth Wells, born in Laramie, Wyo., October 27, 1901.

CALVIN JEWETT WELLS, eldest son of Gilbert Crawford and Laura Jewett Wells, was born in Sterling, Va., January 28, 1875. Was married December 23, 1896, in Pueblo, Col., to Lelia Roark, who was born in Mt. Jackson, Va., May 12, 1875.

The children of Calvin Jewett and Lelia Roark Wells are :—

Floyd Edward, born in Pueblo, Col., September 27, 1897; died September 1, 1899.

John Crawford, born in Pueblo, Col., February 22, 1901.

Daniel Louis, born in Pueblo, Col., June 18, 1903.

DAVID ERNEST WELLS, second son of Gilbert Crawford and Laura Jewett Wells, was born in Sterling, Va., January 28, 1880. Was married in Youngstown, O., September 23, 1899, to Leora Carpenter, who was born in Pueblo, Col., October 27, 1878.



The children of David Ernest and Leora Carpenter Wells  
are:—

David Dillingham, born in Pueblo, Col., November 12,  
1900.

Wescott Jewett, born in Buffalo, N. Y., January 17, 1903.

## ELIZABETH DUNCAN WELLS

ELIZABETH DUNCAN WELLS, only daughter of Calvin and Betsy Wells, was born in Byron, N. Y., April 20, 1816.

She was married in Byron, October 11, 1837, to Philetus Swift Church. The latter was born in Riga, Monroe County, New York, August 20, 1812. He was for many years a merchant and lumberman among the Indians of northern Michigan, and their home was on Sugar Island, in the Sault Ste. Marie River. Mrs. Elizabeth Wells Church died at Sugar Island October 23, 1876. Philetus S. Church married Julia E. Hopkins, October 20, 1878. He died July 2, 1883, and Julia Hopkins Church died December 6, 1885, leaving no children.

The children of Philetus Swift and Elizabeth Wells Church are:—

Jesse Wells, born in Byron, N. Y., September 8, 1838.

Munson Taggart, born in Detroit, Mich., 1843; died in infancy.

Philetus Munson, born in Sugar Island, Mich., May 2, 1847.

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JESSE WELLS CHURCH, eldest son of Philetus Swift and Elizabeth Wells Church, was born in Byron, N. Y., September 8, 1838. His parents removed soon thereafter to the State of Michigan. He married Rosalie Lasage, who was born in Escanaba, Delta County, Mich., February 25, 1850. He is a marine architect and homeopathic physician.

The children of Jesse Wells and Rosalie Lasage Church are:—

George Minturn, born Sugar Island, Mich., July 23, 1866.

Adeline Duncan, born Harbor Island, Mich., March 8, 1869; died March 23, 1902.

Alice Mary, born Harbor Island, Mich., July 29, 1873.

Elizabeth Wells, born Harbor Island, Mich., January 4, 1877; died April 28, 1895.

Eva Ellen, born Harbor Island, Mich., June 3, 1879; died September 15, 1889.

Philetus Swift, born Harbor Island, January 24, 1883.

Hector Hall, born Harbor Island, Mich., August 24, 1885.

Stanly Jesse, born Harbor Island, Mich., January 3, 1890.

GEORGE MINTURN CHURCH, eldest son of Jesse Wells and Rosalie Lasage Church, was born on Sugar Island, Mich., July 23, 1866. He married Clarabelle Seaman, of Drummond Island, Mich., November 20, 1888.

The children of George Minturn and Clarabelle Seaman Church are:—

Fidelia Delora, born on Drummond Island, Mich., April 28, 1899.

Jesse Wells, born on Drummond Island, Mich., November 3, 1901.

ADELINE DUNCAN CHURCH, eldest daughter of Jesse Wells and Rosalie Lasage Church, was born in Harbor Island, Mich., March 8, 1869. She was married at Drummond, Mich., May 1, 1889, to George H. Leonard, of Fish Creek, Dove County, Wis. She died on March 23, 1902.

The children of George H. and Adeline Church Leonard are:—

Philo Benediction, born Harbor Island, Mich., May 29, 1890.

Ella Blanche, born on Bald Island, Mich., July 24, 1897.

ALICE MARY CHURCH, second daughter of Jesse Wells and Rosalie Lasage Church, was born on Harbor Island, Mich., July 29, 1873. Was married April 13, 1896, at Drummond, Mich., to Jay A. Riley, of Cheboygan, Mich. The issue of Jay A. and Alice Church Riley is Rosalie Riley, born on Harbor Island, Mich., July 3, 1897, and died at St. Ignace, Mich., October 5, 1901.

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PHILETUS MUNSON CHURCH, youngest son of Philetus Swift and Elizabeth Wells Church, was born on Sugar Island, Mich., May 2, 1847. He married Frances Jennings, of Ashtabula, O., on January 8, 1874. The latter was born in Ogdensburg, N. Y., February 1, 1853, and died in Ashtabula, O., February 18, 1875. Philetus Munson Church was for many years engaged in the hardware business at Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. On February 12, 1884, he married Miss Mabel Scranton, who was born in Detroit, Mich., April 15, 1859. There have been no children of this marriage. The only child born to Philetus Munson and Frances Jennings Church was a son, Francis Jennings Church, born in Ashtabula, O., February 12, 1875, and died September 15, 1875.

## CALVIN WELLS, JR.

CALVIN WELLS, JR., the youngest son of Calvin and Betsy Taggart Wells, was born December 26, 1827, in Byron, Genesee County, New York. When quite a young lad he met with the serious misfortune of having one ankle crushed. The effect of this extended all through his boyhood, and prevented his active participation in the athletic sports and labors of other boys. In 1842 he became a clerk in the store of his brother-in-law, Philetus S. Church, in Detroit, Mich., where he remained two years. From 1844 to 1847 he was clerk in a store in Batavia, New York. He had received the ordinary public school education, which he had improved upon as opportunity offered, and in 1847 he went to Pittsburg, Pa., and attended the Western University until 1849. In the early part of the latter year he became bookkeeper in the wholesale dry goods house of Benjamin Glyde, of Pittsburg. In 1850 he became associated with Dr. Curtis G. Hussey, which resulted a few years later in the organization of the crucible steel manufacturing firm of Hussey, Wells & Co. In 1867 he added to his steel business the manufacture of railway elliptic car springs, in association with Mr. Aaron French. Both the steel and the car springs concerns developed rapidly a large and profitable business, and though now under different ownership, still enjoy the prestige which the energetic and sagacious policy of their founders early gave to them. In 1869 he became president of the Illinois Zinc Company, which soon became one of the leading manufacturers of spelter and sheet zinc in the United States. In 1876 Calvin Wells withdrew from Hussey, Wells & Co., and in 1884 from

the car springs business. In 1877 he became president and treasurer of the Pittsburg Forge & Iron Co., and has been its directing head ever since. In 1877 he, with others, purchased *The Philadelphia Press* from John W. Forney, Mr. Wells securing a controlling interest, which he subsequently increased. He has retained ever since the control of that widely-circulated and influential newspaper, and as president of *The Press Company* his directing hand is seen and felt at every important move in the business or policy of that paper. In 1884 he was one of the Republican electors from the State of Pennsylvania, whose vote was given to Blaine and Logan. In the senatorial contest in Pennsylvania of 1899, which terminated in a deadlock, he received, on several days, the complimentary vote for United States Senator of the entire fifty "Insurgent" Republicans. He was twice married (1) July 5, 1854, at Allegheny City, Pa., to Annie Glyde, who was born in Yeovil, England, January 20, 1835. She died in Pittsburg, Pa., March 13, 1859; (2) September 13, 1861, at Allegheny City, Pa., to Mary Chaffey Glyde, who was born in Yeovil, England, March 8, 1836. She died in Allegheny City, Pa., May 31, 1904. Annie and Mary Chaffey Glyde were the daughters of Benjamin and Annie Chaffey Glyde, who were married in Thorncombe, Devonshire, England, October 12, 1831. Benjamin Glyde was born June 20, 1800. He was a glove manufacturer in Yeovil, Somersetshire, England. In 1841 he removed with his family to Pittsburg, Pa., where he was engaged in business as a merchant for many years. He died September 15, 1862. Annie Chaffey Glyde died September 1, 1877, aged 72 years.

The only child of Calvin and Annie Glyde Wells is Annie Glyde, born in Pittsburg, Pa., May 6, 1855.

The children of Calvin and Mary Glyde Wells are:—  
Mary Chaffey, born in Pittsburg, Pa., June 26, 1863.



George Duncan, born in Pittsburg, Pa., January 20, 1866;  
died July 27, 1866.

Benjamin Glyde, born in Pittsburg, Pa., November 8, 1868.

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ANNIE GLYDE WELLS, eldest daughter of Calvin and Annie Glyde Wells, was born in Pittsburg, May 6, 1855. Was educated in private schools in Pittsburg and in Pelham Priory and Vassar College, in New York State. She was married on April 26, 1881, in Allegheny City, Pa., to Robert Johnson Cook. The latter was born in Fayette County, Pa., in 1848, graduated from Yale College in 1876 and was at the time of his marriage a member of the Pittsburg bar. They lived for about a year in Leipsic, Germany. Afterward for twelve years they resided in or near Philadelphia, Mr. Cook being for most of this period business manager of *The Philadelphia Press*.

The children of Robert J. and Annie Wells Cook are:—

Elsa, born in Leipsic, Germany, February 17, 1882. Married to Charles Edward Greenfield in San Francisco, Cal., February 16, 1904.

Helen Chaffey, born in Philadelphia, Pa., January 1, 1885.

Dorothy Glyde, born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., July 20, 1890.

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MARY CHAFFEY WELLS, daughter of Calvin and Mary Glyde Wells, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., June 26, 1863. She was educated in private schools in Pittsburg and Philadelphia, and was married October 15, 1885, in Pittsburg, Pa., to Chauncey Milton Griggs, of St. Paul, Minn. The latter was born in Minnesota in 1860, graduated from Yale College in 1882, and his business is that of a wholesale grocer.

The children of Chauncey Milton and Mary Wells Griggs are:—

Calvin Wells, born in St. Paul, Minn., November 13, 1886.

Milton Wright, born in St. Paul, Minn., November 15, 1888.

Katharine Glyde, born in St. Paul, Minn., June 22, 1890; died March 27, 1893.

Mary Glyde, born in St. Paul, Minn., April 21, 1893.

Everett, born in St. Paul, Minn., December 17, 1894.

Benjamin Glyde, born in St. Paul, Minn., January 1, 1898.

Elizabeth Taggart, born in St. Paul, Minn., March 3, 1901.

Chauncey Wright, born in St. Paul, Minn., November 3, 1902.

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BENJAMIN GLYDE WELLS, son of Calvin and Mary Glyde Wells, was born in Pittsburg, Pa., November 8, 1868. He was graduated from the Sheffield Scientific School of Yale University, in the class of 1894. He married October 30, 1895, at Uniontown, Pa., Louise Dewey, of Stamford, Conn. He soon after became Secretary and Treasurer of *The Press* Company, of Philadelphia, Pa., and has resided in Bryn Mawr, Pa., since 1895.

The children of Benjamin Glyde and Louise Dewey Wells are:

Mary Glyde, born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., June 21, 1897.

Calvin, born in Bryn Mawr, Pa., October 1, 1898.

Lewis Badger, born in Beaumaris, Ontario, Canada, July 18, 1903.





JUDGE DANIEL WELLS



## JUDGE DANIEL WELLS

**D**ANIEL WELLS, second son of Daniel and Rhoda Newton Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., January 14, 1791.

He was graduated from Dartmouth College, N. H., in 1810. Studied law with his brother-in-law, Elijah Alvord, and was the head of the Franklin County (Mass.) bar for many years. His practice extended all through the western part of the State. He served one term in the State Legislature as Representative, 1826, and one term as State Senator, 1837. He was District Attorney for the four western counties of Massachusetts, from 1837 to 1844, when he was appointed Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas, which place he held for the remainder of his life. After his appointment as Judge he removed from Greenfield to Cambridge. He married Mary Duncan, in Preble, Courtland County, N. Y., October 7, 1823. He died June 23, 1854. Mary Duncan Wells died May 29, 1882.

The children of Daniel and Mary Duncan Wells are:—

George Duncan, born in Greenfield, Mass., August 21, 1826. Killed at the battle of Cedar Creek, Va., October 13, 1864.

Mary Jane, born in Greenfield, Mass., January 9, 1829. Died September 18, 1867.

Daniel, born in Greenfield, Mass., April 29, 1832. Died September 13, 1833.

Rosa Anna Lamb, born in Greenfield, Mass., October 8, 1835.



James Church Alvord, born in Greenfield, Mass., August 2, 1839. He resided, for the greater part of his life, in Cambridge, Mass., where he died on October 13th, 1904.

Alice Rhoda, born in Greenfield, Mass., June 2, 1843. Resides in Cambridge, Mass.

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GEORGE DUNCAN WELLS, eldest son of Daniel and Mary Duncan Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., August 21, 1826. When a youth he was a member of the community under the care of George Riply at Brook Farm, his principal tutor being Charles A. Dana. He was graduated from Williams College, Mass., in 1846. Studied law at Harvard; was admitted to the bar in 1849, practiced for a short time in Boston, and in 1851 returned to Greenfield and entered into a law partnership with his cousin, Daniel Wells Alvord. He represented Greenfield in the State House of Representatives in 1858 and 1859, and in the latter year was chairman of the Judiciary Committee. He was an able speaker, a good debater and strongly sympathized with the Free Soil movement. In 1859 he was appointed Judge of the Police Court in Boston. When the Civil War broke out he promptly enlisted in the Union cause, and was commissioned May 22, 1861, lieutenant colonel of the First Massachusetts Regiment. He distinguished himself at the first battle of Bull Run, and at the siege of Yorktown, upon the personal request of General Hooker to General Grover, commanding his brigade, Colonel Wells led the assault on the redoubt in front of Yorktown, and was the first man to enter the fortification. He saw hard service in the Peninsular campaign. For a time he was provost marshal of Williamsburg. In 1862 he was appointed colonel of the Thirty-fourth Massachusetts Regiment, and spent a short time at home in drilling and organizing men. His command was taken to Washington in August, 1862, and for a time



garrisoned Fort Lyon, chief among the defenses of that city. In July, 1863, he was in command of Harper's Ferry, at the head of a brigade under General Nagle. In October he drove back an invading force under the rebel General Imboden, pursuing them ten miles and making a remarkable march. In December he was in co-operation with Averill in his celebrated raid to cut the Virginia and Tennessee railroad. When near Harrisonburg his little army of 1400 men was attacked by Early with a much larger force, but Wells held the enemy in check and effected a masterly retreat, reaching Harper's Ferry with his army in good condition and bringing a hundred prisoners. He was afterward in command at Martinsburg, and in April, 1864, his regiment was joined to Seigel's command. He was in most of the valley fights during the Autumn of 1864. October 13, 1864, he was in command of a brigade at South Cedar Creek, and was hard pressed by the enemy. While engaged in directing its movements he was pierced with a bullet and slid off his horse. He was soon surrounded by his officers, and just then came the order to retreat. He would not be moved, saying: "It's of no use, I cannot live; gentlemen, save my regiment." The officers were obliged to retire to save themselves from capture. Lieutenant Cobb refused to go and was captured with his dying commander. Soon General Jubal Early came up, and inquired who the wounded man was. Upon being told that it was Colonel Wells, he said: "What! The officer who commanded the force against us last Winter? Send my ambulance for him." The next day our army recovered the lost ground, and Colonel Wells' body was found in the church in preparation by the people for a soldier's funeral. His body was taken to Greenfield and laid in the Green River Cemetery, which he had aided so much in making beautiful. He was never married. His commission as a brigadier general was sent by the War Department to his mother after his death.

MARY JANE WELLS, eldest daughter of Daniel and Mary Duncan Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., January 9, 1829. Married Dr. Charles Francis Foster, and died September 18, 1867.

The only child of Charles Francis and Mary Wells Foster is:—

Charles Chauncey, born December 24, 1857.

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ROSA ANNA LAMB WELLS, second daughter of Daniel and Mary Duncan Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., October 8, 1835. She married Samuel Lothrop Thorndike. The children of Samuel Lothrop and Anna Lamb Wells Thorndike are:—

Albert, born in Boston, Mass., October 13, 1860.

George Duncan Wells, born in Boston, Mass., September 23, 1862. Died February 13, 1878.

Sturgis Hooper, born in Boston, Mass., June 11, 1868.

Mary Duncan, born in Boston, Mass., August 13, 1871.

ALBERT THORNDIKE, eldest son of Samuel Lothrop and Anna Lamb Wells Thorndike, was born in Boston, Mass., October 13, 1860. He married December 31, 1895, Mary Quincy Gould, who was born April 16, 1872, and is a daughter of Benjamin Apthorp and Mary Quincy Gould.

The children of Albert and Mary Gould Thorndike are:—

Mary Quincy, born February 18, 1897.

Rosanna Duncan, born May 30, 1898.

Dorothy, born August 25, 1900.

MARY DUNCAN THORNDIKE, daughter of Samuel Lothrop and Anna Lamb Wells Thorndike, was born in Boston, Mass., August 13, 1871. She was married June 20, 1895, to Charles Henry Fiske. He was born February 18, 1872, and is a son of Charles Henry and Cornelia Robbins Fiske.

The children of Charles Henry and Mary Thorndike Fiske  
are:—

Charles Henry, born December 3, 1896.

Cornelia Robbins, born November 20, 1898.

Rosanna Duncan, born July 4, 1900.

## FRANKLIN WELLS

**F**RANKLIN WELLS, the third son of Daniel and Rhoda Newton Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., June 10, 1793.

He removed to Grafton, Lorain County, Ohio, about 1819. He taught the first school established in Grafton. The history of Lorain County says of him: "Franklin Wells, from Massachusetts, proved a great accession to our settlement. He was fitted for college in his native land, which placed him in advance of any who had ventured among us. He first taught school in a log schoolhouse, was our second Justice of the Peace and afterward Associate Judge of Lorain." He married Mary Sibley, of Grafton, September 12, 1824. She was also a pioneer school teacher and receives honorable mention in the history of Lorain County, being credited with the first school in that county. Her family came from Great Barrington, Mass. Six children were born to them in Grafton, but an unusual series of fatalities overtook the greater number of them. The eldest girl, Jane Eliza, when three years old, was thrown from a vehicle in a runaway accident while riding with her parents and was killed. His eldest son, Stephen, when three and a half years old, was playing on a large log, which rolled over on him and killed him. Another son, Franklin, while still less than two years old, fell from a chair while eating an apple and was choked to death. In 1844, Franklin Wells removed with his family to Attica, Lapier County, Mich., took up land and went into the lumber business. He died there September 28, 1845. His widow survived till September 14, 1852.

The children of Franklin and Mary Sibley Wells are:—

Jane Eliza, born September 4, 1825, in Grafton, O.; died September 18, 1828.

Stephen Sibley, born in Grafton, O., April 24, 1829; died November 27, 1832.

Herman Hopkins, born in Grafton, O., March 27, 1831; died August 8, 1853.

Franklin Duncan, born in Grafton, O., May 22, 1834; died February 23, 1835.

Nancy J., born in Grafton, O., April 30, 1836.

Mary Newton, born in Grafton, O., May 8, 1838.

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NANCY J. S. WELLS, eldest of the daughters of Franklin and Mary Sibley Wells, who reached maturity, was born in Grafton, O., April 30, 1836. She changed the Nancy of her name to Annie, and has been called by the latter name all her life. She was married October 20, 1868, to John G. Whitwell, of New York city. They took up their residence in Camden, N. J., where Mr. Whitwell for some years kept a drug store. He died in Camden, N. J., in 1882.

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MARY NEWTON WELLS, youngest daughter of Franklin and Mary Sibley Wells, was born in Grafton, O., May 8, 1838. She was married February 3, 1859, to George Riley Whipple. The latter was born in Amboy, Oswego County, N. Y., December 15, 1833. He removed with his parents to Medina County, O., in 1845, where the rest of his life was passed. He was a school teacher and a farmer. He died at his home in Medina, O., March 8, 1898.

The children of George Riley and Mary Whipple are:—

Frances Nancy, born December 27, 1859, in Montville, Medina County, O.

John Sibley, born July 18, 1865, in Montville, Medina County, O.

FRANCES NANCY WHIPPLE, daughter of George Riley and Mary Wells Whipple, was born in Montville, Medina County, O., December 27, 1859. She was married October 31, 1900, to William Henry Hobart.

JOHN SIBLEY WHIPPLE, son of George Riley and Mary Wells Whipple, was born in Montville, Medina County, O., July 18, 1865. He married Harriet Maria Dana, October 31, 1888. He is by occupation a farmer.

The children of John Sibley and Harriet Dana Whipple are:—

Marion Brown, born in Medina County, O., April 26, 1892.

Maude Le Moure, born in Medina County, O., August 30, 1894.

Alonzo Dana, born in Medina County, O., August 25, 1896.

George Wells, born in Medina County, O., January 7, 1900.

Helen, born in Medina County, O., February 26, 1902.



## RHODA ADELINE WELLS PRESTON

**R**HODA ADELINE, the youngest of the children of Daniel and Rhoda Newton Wells, was born in Greenfield, Mass., March 14, 1798. She married Justus Preston in 1818. He was born in Granby, Mass., June 21, 1783, and was the son of John and Rachel Preston, of that place. He was twice married. His first wife was named Lucretia. They had a daughter by the same name, who married George Gage, and lived in Albany. Justus Preston lived for a time in Athol, Mass., and owned a stage route between Athol and Albany, N. Y. After his marriage to Rhoda Adeline Wells he lived in Greenfield. About 1832 they removed to Byron, N. Y., where they lived for a short time. In 1835 they removed to Grafton, O., which was thereafter their permanent home. Mr. Preston, after he gave up his stage route, became a farmer by occupation, which he supplemented in Winter time by cabinet making. He died in Grafton, April 4, 1843. His widow survived until March 23, 1858.

The children of Justus and Rhoda Adeline Wells Preston are:—

Adeline, born in Greenfield, Mass., May 24, 1819; died October, 1872.

Jeriel, born 1822; died December 13, 1851.

Lucia Dexter was born January 31, 1826; died February 16, 1862.

Franklin Wells, born October 30, 1832; died August 14, 1904.

Mary, born October 26, 1834; died March 9, 1871.

Sarah Alvord, born July 12, 1834; died April 21, 1888.

ADELINE PRESTON, the eldest daughter of Justus and Rhoda Adeline Wells Preston, was born in Greenfield, Mass., May 24, 1819. She married Mark Sumner Sibley, who was born November 24, 1817, and died April 1, 1896. She lived all her life in Grafton, O., and died October, 1872.

The children of Mark and Adeline Preston Sibley are:—  
Henry. Died unmarried.

William, married Minnie Chester. He went as missionary to India and died there.

Mary. Married W. S. Berdan, of Litchfield, O. They had one child, Sibley Berdan, born August, 1862. He lives in the State of Washington. Mary Berdan died soon after the birth of her son Sibley.

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LUCIA DEXTER PRESTON, the second daughter of Justus and Rhoda Adeline Wells Preston, was born January 31, 1826. She married Dr. E. D. Merriam. She died February 16, 1862. Their children are:—

Nellie, born July 31, 1853. Married W. N. Walker. They have three boys, Charles, Henry and Harold. They live at Mt. Pelier, O.

Lucia, born February 6, 1862. Married E. G. Woodruff February 23, 1899.

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FRANKLIN WELLS PRESTON, second son of Justus and Adeline Wells Preston, was born in Byron, N. Y., October 30, 1832. He married Martha Susannah Johnston, December 22, 1858, in Grafton, Lorain County, O. She is the daughter of Stephen Cleveland Johnston and Sarah Diatha Dresser Johnston, and was born in Millville, Orleans County, N. Y., August 8, 1837. Mr. Preston was a farmer in his early life in Lorain County, O. About 1858 he sold his farm and moved to Toledo, O., where for thirty years he engaged successfully

in the wholesale and retail grocery business. He retired from business in 1889. He made Chicago, Ill., his place of residence in the later years of his life, and died there August 14, 1904.

The children of Franklin and Martha Johnston Preston are:—

Carl Weber, born in Grafton, Lorain County, O., December 7, 1864.

Ernest Johnston, born in Toledo, O., August 8, 1870.

Franklin Wells, born in Toledo, O., January 20, 1878.

Harry Dresser, born in Toledo, O., February 11, 1881; died August 11, 1897.

CARL WEBER PRESTON, eldest son of Franklin and Martha Johnston Preston, was born in Grafton, O., December 7, 1864. Married Frances Helen Lloyd, in Toledo, O., November 6, 1889. She is the daughter of Cromwell John Lloyd and Helen Munson Daniels Lloyd, of Lockport, N. Y., and Toledo, O. One child, a daughter, has been born to this marriage:—

Helen, born October 17, 1890.

ERNEST JOHNSTON PRESTON, second son of Franklin and Martha Johnston Preston, was born in Toledo, O., August 8, 1870. Married Mrs. Marie Campbell Mason, daughter of John Wesley and Florentine Smith Campbell, June 12, 1894, in Chicago, Ill.

The children of Ernest and Marie Campbell Preston are:—

Harry Campbell, born July 29, 1897.

Florentine Dresser, born November 20, 1899.

FRANKLIN WELLS PRESTON, JR., third son of Franklin and Martha Johnston Preston, was born in Toledo, O., January 20, 1878; married Georgia Frances Seaverans, daughter of William Sever and Frances Seaverans, October 2, 1901, in Chicago, Ill.

MARY PRESTON, the fifth child of Justus and Rhoda Adeline Wells Preston, was born in Grafton, O., October 26, 1834. She married George M. Ingersoll, July 17, 1861, and died March 9, 1871.

The children of George and Mary Preston Ingersoll are:—

Henry W., born in Grafton, O., January 14, 1863.

George Wells, born in Grafton, O., September 10, 1864.

Annie Adeline, born in Grafton, O., January 10, 1867; died in Elyria, O., March 16, 1881.

HENRY W. INGERSOLL, eldest son of George and Mary Preston Ingersoll, was born in Grafton, O., January 14, 1863. He is an attorney-at-law and resides in Elyria, O. He married May Belle Hamilton, October 24, 1888, at Elyria.

The children of Henry W. and May Hamilton Ingersoll are:—

Mary Cassandra, born in Elyria, O., November, 1891.

Henry Hamilton, born in Elyria, O., July 11, 1896; died June 27, 1897.

Henry Walter, born in Elyria, O., January 5, 1903.

GEORGE WELLS INGERSOLL, second son of George and Mary Preston Ingersoll, was born in Grafton, O., September 10, 1864. Married Myrtie Parmly at Elyria, O., September 18, 1889.

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SARAH ALVORD PRESTON, youngest child of Justus and Rhoda Adeline Wells Preston, was born in Grafton, O., July 12, 1838; was married in Grafton, O., October, 1858, to Wallace La Moure; died April 21, 1888. Wallace La Moure was born in 1832; died October 7, 1868.

The children of Wallace and Sarah Preston La Moure are :—

Mary, born January 14, 1860. Was married to Miles Harrison in Oberlin, O., in 1884; died April 9, 1894.

Wells Wallace, born in La Grange, O., April 20, 1865.  
Now resides in Chicago.

MARY LA MOURE, daughter of Wallace and Sarah Preston La Moure, was born January 14, 1859; was married to Miles Harrison in Oberlin, O., in 1884. Died April 9, 1894. Miles Harrison and his surviving children live in Grafton, O.

The children of Miles and Mary La Moure Harrison are :—  
Helen Frances, born in Wabash, Ind., May 6, 1887; died October 20, 1887:

Ruth, born in Wabash, Ind., October 20, 1888.

Jean, born in Wabash, Ind., August 6, 1891.

## DESCENDANTS OF COLONEL DANIEL WELLS (1760-1815)

As the Record Shows November 1, 1904.

		Total.
Sons .....	3	
Daughters .....	3	6
Grandsons .....	13	
Granddaughters .....	12	25
Great-grandsons .....	32	
Great-granddaughters .....	17	49
Great-great-grandsons .....	45	
Great-great-granddaughters .....	45	90
Great-great-great-grandsons .....	22	
Great-great-great-granddaughters ....	17	39
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Of the 209 descendants of Colonel Daniel Wells, 115 are males and 94 females. There are living of these at this date 146, of which the males number 80 and the females 66.

## DESCENDANTS OF SABRA WELLS ALVORD

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	..	2	2
Daughters .....	..	3	3—5
Grandsons .....	4	3	7
Granddaughters .....	2	1	3—10
Great-grandsons .....	7	2	9
Great-granddaughters .....	8	1	9—18
Great-great-grandsons .....	1	..	1
Great-great-granddaughters ...	4	..	4—5
	<hr/> 26	<hr/> 12	<hr/> 38

Of these 38 descendants of Sabra Wells Alvord, 19 are males and 19 females. There are living 12 males and 13 females.



## DESCENDANTS OF CALVIN WELLS, SR.

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	1	2	3
Daughters .....	..	1	1— 4
Grandsons .....	5	6	11
Granddaughters .....	5	2	7—18
Great-grandsons .....	22	3	25
Great-granddaughters .....	16	7	23—48
Great-great-grandsons .....	20	1	21
Great-great-granddaughters ...	11	2	13—34
	<hr/> 80	<hr/> 24	<hr/> 104

Of these 104 descendants of Calvin Wells, Sr., 60 are males and 44 females. There are living 48 males and 32 females.

## DESCENDANTS OF SAMUEL TAGGART WELLS

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	1	1	2
Daughters .....	2	..	2— 4
Grandsons .....	6	..	6
Granddaughters .....	6	1	7—13
Great-grandsons .....	4	..	4
Great-granddaughters .....	2	..	2— 6
	<hr/> 21	<hr/> 2	<hr/> 23

Of these 23 descendants of Samuel Taggart Wells, 12 are males and 11 females. There are living 11 males and 10 females.

## DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL NEWTON WELLS

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	1	3	4
Daughters .....	1	2	3— 7
Grandsons .....	5	3	8
Granddaughters .....	3	1	4—12
Great-grandsons .....	14	1	15
Great-granddaughters .....	7	1	8—23
	<hr/> 31	<hr/> 11	<hr/> 42

Of these 42 descendants of Daniel Newton Wells, 27 are males and 15 females. There are living 20 males and 11 females.

## DESCENDANTS OF ELIZABETH DUNCAN WELLS CHURCH

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	2	1	..— 3
Grandsons .....	4	..	4
Granddaughters .....	1	4	5— 9
Great-grandsons .....	2	..	2
Great-granddaughters .....	2	1	3— 5
	<u>11</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>17</u>

Of these 17 descendants of Elizabeth Duncan Wells Church, 9 are males and 8 females. There are living 8 males and 3 females.

## DESCENDANTS OF CALVIN WELLS, JR.

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	1	1	2
Daughters .....	2	..	2— 4
Grandsons .....	7	..	7
Granddaughters .....	6	1	7—14
	<u>16</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>18</u>

Of these 18 descendants of Calvin Wells, Jr., 9 are males and 9 females. There are living 8 males and 8 females.

## DESCENDANTS OF JUDGE DANIEL WELLS

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....		3	3
Daughters .....	2	1	3— 6
Grandsons .....	3	1	4
Granddaughters .....	1	..	1— 5
Great-grandsons .....	1	..	1
Great-granddaughters .....	5	..	5— 6
	<u>12</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>17</u>

The descendants of Judge Daniel Wells numbered 17 on June 1, 1904, of whom 8 are males and 9 females. There are living 4 males and 8 females.

## DESCENDANTS OF FRANKLIN WELLS

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	..	3	3
Daughters .....	2	1	3— 6
Grandsons .....	1	..	1
Granddaughters .....	1	..	1— 2
Great-grandsons .....	3	..	3
Great-granddaughters .....	2	..	2— 5
	<hr/> 9	<hr/> 4	<hr/> 13

The descendants of Franklin Wells numbered 13 on June 1, 1904, of whom 7 are males and 6 females. There are living 4 males and 5 females.

## DESCENDANTS OF RHODA ADELINE WELLS PRESTON

	Living.	Dead.	Total.
Sons .....	..	2	2
Daughters .....	..	4	4— 6
Grandsons .....	6	3	9
Granddaughters .....	2	3	5—14
Great-grandsons .....	6	1	7
Great-granddaughters .....	5	1	6—13
	<hr/> 19	<hr/> 14	<hr/> 33

According to this record, which is as complete as the compiler was able to make it, the descendants of Rhoda Adeline Wells Preston numbered 33 on November 1, 1904, of whom 18 are males and 15 females. There are living 12 males and 7 females.











